

## **APPENDIX A**

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### NOOKSACK INDIAN TRIBE - STATE OF WASHINGTON

#### GAMING COMPACT

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## **STANDARDS OF OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT FOR CLASS III ACTIVITIES**

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

In these standards, unless the context indicates otherwise:

"Accounting Department" is that established in the tribal gaming operation's system of organization in accordance with these standards;

"Cage Cashiers" are the cashiers performing any of the functions in the Cashier's Cage as set forth in these standards;

"Cash Equivalent" means a treasury check, personal check, travelers check, wire transfer of funds, money order, certified check, cashiers check, a check drawn on the tribal gaming operation payable to the patron or to the tribal gaming operation, or a voucher recording cash drawn against a credit card or charge card;

"Chief Operating Officer" is the senior executive of the tribal gaming operation exercising the overall management or authority over all the operations of the tribal gaming operation and the carrying out by employees of the tribal gaming operation of their duties;

"Closer" means the original of the table inventory slip upon which each table inventory is recorded at the end of each shift;

"Tribal Gaming Agency" means the Nooksack Tribal Gaming Agency;

"Compact" means the Nooksack Tribes of Washington - State of Washington Gaming Compact adopted pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. s2701 et seq.;

"Credit Slip" (known as a "Credit") is the document reflecting the removal of gaming chips and coins from a gaming station in accordance with these standards;

"Drop Box" is the metal container attached to a gaming station for deposit of cash and certain documents received at a gaming station as provided by these standards;

"Fill Slip" (known as a "Fill") is the document reflecting the distribution of gaming chips and coins to a gaming station as provided in these standards;

"Gaming Facility" means any gaming facility as defined in the Compact in which a tribal gaming operation is conducted;

**"Gaming Facility Supervisor":** is a reference to a person in a supervisory capacity and required to perform certain functions under these standards, including but not limited to, Pit Bosses, Gaming Facility Shift Managers, the Assistant Gaming Facility Manager and the Gaming Facility Manager;

**"Imprest Basis"** means the basis on which Cashier's Cage funds are replenished from time to time by exactly the amount of the net expenditures made from the funds and amounts received and in which a review of the expenditure is made by a higher authority before replenishment;

**"Incompatible Function"** means a function, for accounting and internal control purposes, that places any person or department in a position to both perpetrate and conceal errors or irregularities in the normal course of his or her duties. Anyone both recording transactions and having access to the relevant assets is in a position to perpetrate errors or irregularities.

**"Independent Accountant"** means a professional accountant suitably qualified and sufficiently independent to act as auditor of the tribal gaming operation;

**"Inspector"** means an employee of the Tribal Gaming Agency duly appointed by the agency as an inspector;

**"Master Game Report"** means a record of the computation of the win or loss for each gaming station, each game, and each shift;

**"Opener"** means the duplicate copy of the table inventory slip upon which each table inventory is recorded at the end of each shift and serves as the record of each table inventory at the beginning of the next succeeding shift;

**"Pit"** means the area enclosed or encircled by an arrangement of gaming stations in which gaming facility personnel administer and supervise the games played at the tables by the patrons located on the outside perimeter of the area;

**"Request for Credit"** is the document reflecting the authorization for preparation of a credit with respect to removal of gaming chips and coins from a gaming station in accordance with these standards;

**"Request for Fill"** is the document reflecting the request for the distribution of gaming chips and coins to a gaming station as provided in these standards;

**"Security Department Member"** means any person who is a member of the Security Department as provided in the organization of the tribal gaming operation in accordance with these standards;

"State Gaming Agency" means the state agency responsible for review of the tribal gaming operation in accordance with the provisions of the Compact;

"Table Game Drop" means the sum of the total amounts of currency and coin removed from a drop box;

"Table Game Win or Loss" is determined by adding the amount of cash or coin, the amount recorded on the loser, removed from a drop box, plus credits, and subtracting the amount recorded on the opener and the total of the amounts recorded on fills removed from a drop box;

"Tribal Gaming Operation" means the Class III gaming operation involving games authorized under section 3(a) of the Compact;

## **2. ACCOUNTING RECORDS**

- (1) The tribal gaming operation shall maintain complete accurate and legible records of all transactions relating to the revenues and costs of the gaming operation.
- (2) General accounting records shall be maintained on a double entry system of accounting with transactions recorded on the accruals basis, and detailed, supporting, subsidiary records, sufficient to meet the requirements of paragraph (4).
- (3) The forms of accounts adopted should be of a standard form which would ensure consistency, comparability, and effective disclosure of financial information.
- (4) The detailed, supporting and subsidiary records shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:
  - (a) Records of all patrons' checks initially accepted, deposited, and returned as "Uncollected", and ultimately written off as "Uncollectible";
  - (b) Statistical game records to reflect drop and win amounts for each station, for each game, and for each shift;
  - (c) Records of investments in property and services, including equipment used directly in connection with the operation of Class III gaming;
  - (d) Records of amounts payable by the tribal gaming operation; and
  - (e) Records which identify the purchase, receipt and destruction of gaming chips used in wagering.
- (5) All accounting records shall be kept for a period not less than two (2) years from their respective dates.

## **3. SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL**

- (1) The tribal gaming operation shall submit to the Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency a description of its system of internal procedures and administrative and accounting controls before gaming operations are to commence.

- (2) Each such submission shall contain both narrative and diagrammatic representation of the internal control system to be utilized by the tribal gaming operation.
- (3) The submission required by paragraph (1) shall be signed by the executive responsible for its preparation and shall be accompanied by a report of an independent accountant stating that the submitted system conforms in all respects to the principles of internal control required by these standards.

#### **4. FORMS, RECORDS, DOCUMENTS AND RETENTION**

- (1) All information required by these standards is to be placed on a form, record or document or in stored data in ink or other permanent form.
- (2) Whenever duplicate or triplicate copies are required of a form, record or document:
  - (a) The original, duplicate and triplicate copies shall be color coded.
  - (b) If under these standards, forms, records, and documents are required to be inserted in a locked dispenser, the last copy shall remain in a continuous unbroken form in the dispenser; and
  - (c) If under these standards, forms or serial numbers of forms are required to be accounted for or copies of forms are required to be compared for agreement and exceptions noted, such exceptions shall be reported immediately in writing to the Tribal Gaming Agency for investigation.
- (3) Unless otherwise specified in these standards or exempted by the Tribal Gaming Agency, all forms, records, documents and stored data required to be prepared, maintained and controlled by these standards shall:
  - (a) Have the title of the form, record, document or stored data imprinted or pre-printed thereon or therein;
  - (b) Be located on Nooksack Tribal Lands or such other location as is approved by the Tribal Gaming Agency; and
  - (c) Be retained for a period of at least two (2) years in a manner that assures reasonable accessibility to inspectors of the Tribal Gaming Agency and personnel of the State Gaming Agency.

#### **5. ANNUAL AUDIT AND OTHER REPORTS**

- (1) The tribal gaming operation shall, at its own expense, cause its annual financial statements to be audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by an independent accountant.
- (2) The annual financial statements shall be prepared on a comparative basis for the current and prior calendar or fiscal year and shall present the financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
- (3) Two copies of the audited financial statements, together with the report thereon of the tribal gaming operation's independent accountant shall be filed with the Tribal Gaming Agency and with the State Gaming Agency not later than 120 days following the end of the calendar or fiscal year. Extensions may be granted by the Tribal Gaming Agency for extenuating circumstances.

- (4) The tribal gaming operation shall require its independent accountant to render the following additional reports:
  - (a) A report on material weakness in accounting and internal controls. Whenever, in the opinion of the independent accountant, there exists no material weaknesses in accounting and internal controls, the report shall say so; and
  - (b) A report expressing the opinion of the independent accountant that, based on his or her examination of the financial statements, the tribal gaming operation has followed, in all material respects, during the period covered by his or her examination, the system of accounting and internal control on file with the Tribal Gaming Agency. Whenever, in the opinion of the independent accountant, the tribal gaming operation has deviated from the system of accounting and internal controls filed with the Tribal Gaming Agency, or the accounts, records, and control procedures examined are not maintained by the tribal gaming operation in accordance with the Compact and these standards, the report shall enumerate such deviations regardless of materiality, the areas of the system no longer considered effective and shall make recommendations in writing regarding improvements in the system of accounting and internal controls.
- (5) Two copies of the reports required by paragraph (4) and two copies of any other reports on accounting and internal control, administrative controls, or other matters relating to the tribal gaming operation's accounting or operating procedures rendered by the tribal gaming operation's independent accountant, shall be filed with the Tribal Gaming Agency and with the State Gaming Agency by the tribal gaming operation within 120 days following the end of each fiscal year or within thirty (30) days of receipt whichever is earlier. Provided, extensions may be granted for extenuating circumstances by the Tribal Gaming Agency.

#### **6. CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM**

- (1) The tribal gaming operation shall install a closed circuit television system according to the following specifications.
- (2) The closed circuit television system shall include, but need not be limited to the following:
  - (a) Light sensitive cameras some with zoom, scan and tilt capabilities to effectively and clandestinely monitor in detail and from various vantage points, the following:
    - (i) The gaming conducted at each gaming station in the gaming facility and the activities in the gaming facility pits;
    - (ii) The operations conducted at and in the cashier's cage;
    - (iii) The count processes conducted in the count rooms in conformity with these standards;
    - (iv) The movement of cash, gaming chips, drop boxes, and drop buckets in the establishment;

- (v) The entrances and exits to the gaming facility and the count rooms; and
  - (vi) Such other areas as the Tribal Gaming Agency designates.
- (b) Video units with time and date insertion capabilities for taping what is being viewed by any camera of the system;
- (c) Audio capability in the count rooms; and
- (d) One or more monitoring rooms in the establishment which shall be in use at all times by the employees of the security department assigned to monitor the activities in the gaming facility and which may be used as necessary by the inspectors of the Tribal Gaming Agency and agents of the State Gaming Agency.
- (3) Adequate lighting shall be present in all areas, including gaming stations and pits, where closed circuit camera coverage is required.
- (4) The tribal gaming operation shall be required to maintain a surveillance log of all surveillance activities in the monitor room. The log shall be maintained by monitor room personnel and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
  - (a) Date and time of surveillance;
  - (b) Person initiating surveillance;
  - (c) Reason for surveillance;
  - (d) Time of termination of surveillance;
  - (e) Summary of the results of the surveillance;
  - (f) A record of any equipment or camera malfunctions.
- (5) The surveillance log shall be available for inspection at any time by inspectors of the Tribal Gaming Agency and agents of the State Gaming Agency.
- (6) Video or audio tapes shall be retained for at least seven (7) days and at least thirty (30) days in the case of tapes of evidentiary value, or for such longer period as the Tribal Gaming Agency or the State Gaming Agency may require.
- (7) Entrances to the closed circuit television monitoring rooms shall not be visible from the gaming facility area.

7. ORGANIZATION OF THE TRIBAL GAMING OPERATION

- (1) The tribal gaming operation shall have a system of internal control that includes the following:
  - (a) Administrative control, which includes but is not limited to the plan of organization and the procedures and records that are concerned with the decision processes leading to management's authorization of transactions; and
  - (b) Accounting control which includes the plan of organization and the procedures and records that are concerned with the safeguarding of assets and the reliability of financial records and are consequently designed to provide reasonable assurance that:



- (i) Transactions are executed in accordance with the management's general and specific authorization which shall include the requirements of these standards;
  - (ii) Transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and with these standards, and to maintain accountability for assets;
  - (iii) Access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's authorization which shall include the requirements of these standards; and
  - (iv) The recorded accountability for assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.
- (2) The tribal gaming operation's system of internal control shall provide for:
  - (a) Competent personnel with an understanding of prescribed procedures; and
  - (b) The segregation of incompatible functions so that no employee is in a position to perpetrate and conceal errors or irregularities in the normal course of his or her duties.
- (3) The tribal gaming operation shall, at a minimum, establish the following departments:
  - (a) A security department supervised by the head of the security department who shall co-operate with, yet perform independently of, all other departments and shall report directly to the Chief Operating Officer of the tribal gaming operation regarding matters of policy, purpose, and responsibilities. The head of security shall be responsible for, but not limited to the following:
    - (i) The clandestine surveillance of the operation and conduct of the table games;
    - (ii) The clandestine surveillance of the operation of the cashier's cage;
    - (iii) The audio-video taping of activities in the count rooms;
    - (iv) The detection of cheating, theft, embezzlement, and other illegal activities in the gaming facility, count rooms, and cashier's cage;
    - (v) The video taping of illegal and unusual activities monitored; and
    - (vi) The notification of appropriate gaming facility supervisors, and the Tribal Gaming Agency upon the detection and taping of cheating, theft, embezzlement, or other illegal activities.

No present or former surveillance department employee shall be employed in any other capacity in the tribal gaming operation unless the Tribal Gaming Agency, upon petition approves such employment in a particular capacity upon a finding that: (i) one year has passed since the former surveillance department employee worked in the surveillance department; and (ii) surveillance and security systems will not be jeopardized or

- compromised by the proposed employment of the former surveillance department employee in the capacity proposed; and (iii) errors, irregularities or illegal acts cannot be perpetrated and concealed by the former surveillance department employee's knowledge of the surveillance system in the capacity in which the former surveillance department employee will be employed.
- (b) A gaming facility department supervised by a gaming facility manager who shall perform independently of all other departments and shall report directly to the chief operating officer. The gaming facility manager shall be responsible for the operation and conduct of all Class III activities conducted in the gaming facility.
  - (c) A gaming facility accounting department supervisor who shall report directly to the chief operating officer. The supervisor responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
    - (i) accounting controls;
    - (ii) the preparation and control of records and data required by these standards;
    - (iii) the control of stored data, the supply of unused forms, the accounting for and comparing of forms used in the gaming operating and required by these standards; and
    - (iv) the control and supervision of the cashier's cage.
  - (d) A cashier's cage supervised by a cage supervisor who shall supervise cage cashiers and co-operate with, yet perform independently of, the gaming facility and security departments, and shall be under the supervision of, and report directly to the chief operating officer. The cashier's cage shall be responsible for, but not limited to the following:
    - (i) the custody of currency, coin, patron checks, gaming chips, and documents and records normally associated with the operation of a cashier's cage;
    - (ii) the approval, exchange, redemption and consolidation of patron checks received for the purpose of gaming in conformity with the gaming operation's standards;
    - (iii) the receipt, distribution and redemption of gaming chips in conformity with these standards; and
    - (iv) such other functions normally associated with the operation of a cashier's cage.
- (4) The tribal gaming operation's personnel shall be trained in all accounting and internal control practices and procedures relevant to each employee's individual function. Special instructional programs shall be developed by the tribal gaming operation in addition to any on-the-job instruction sufficient to enable all members of the departments required by this standard to be thoroughly conversant and knowledgeable with the appropriate and required manner of performance of all transactions relating to their function.

8. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE OPERATION AND CONDUCT OF CLASS III GAMING ACTIVITIES

- (1) Table games shall be operated by dealers or croupiers who shall be the persons assigned to each gaming station as authorized under 3(a).
- (2) A pit boss shall be the supervisor assigned the responsibility for the overall supervision of the operation and conduct of gaming at the table games played within a single pit and shall oversee any intermediate supervisors assigned by the tribal gaming operation to assist in supervision of table games in the pit.
- (3) A gaming facility shift manager shall be the supervisor assigned to each shift with the responsibility for the supervision of table games conducted in the gaming facility. In the absence of the gaming facility manager, the gaming facility shift manager shall have the authority of a gaming facility manager.
- (4) Nothing in this standard shall be construed to limit the tribal gaming operation from utilizing personnel in addition to those described herein.

9. CASHIER'S CAGE

- (1) As part of the gaming operation there shall be on or immediately adjacent to the gaming floor a physical structure known as the cashier's cage ("cage") to house the cashiers and to serve as the central location for the following:
  - (a) The custody of the cage inventory comprising currency, coin, patron checks, gaming chips, forms, documents and records normally associated with the operation of a cage;
  - (b) the approval of patron checks for the purpose of gaming in conformity with these standards;
  - (c) the receipt, distribution, and redemption of gaming chips in conformity with these standards; and
  - (d) such other functions normally associated with the operation of a cage.
- (2) The tribal gaming operation shall have a reserve cash bankroll in addition to the imprest funds normally maintained by the cashier's cage, on hand in the cashier's cage or readily available to the cashier's cage at the opening of every shift in a minimum amount established by the tribal gaming operation.
- (3) The cage shall be designed and constructed to provide maximum security including, at a minimum, the following:
  - (a) A fully enclosed structure except for openings through which items such as gaming chips, checks, cash, records, and documents can be passed to service the public and gaming stations;
  - (b) Manually triggered silent alarm systems connected directly to the monitoring rooms of the closed circuit television system and the security department office;
  - (c) Access shall be through a locked door.

- (i) The system shall have closed circuit television coverage which shall be monitored by the gaming facility security department.
- (4) The tribal gaming operation shall place on file with the Tribal Gaming Agency the names of all persons authorized to enter the cage, those who possess the combination or the keys or who control the mechanism to open the locks securing the entrance to the cage, and those who possess the ability to operate the alarm systems.

10. ACCOUNTING CONTROLS WITHIN THE CASHIER'S CAGE

- (1) The assets for which the cashiers are responsible shall be maintained on an imprest basis. At the end of each shift, the cashiers assigned to the outgoing shift, shall record on a cashier's count sheet the face value of each cage inventory item counted and the total of the opening and closing cage inventories and shall reconcile the total closing inventory with the total opening inventory.
  - (a) Cashiers functions shall be, but are not limited to the following:
    - (i) Receive cash, checks, and gaming chips from patrons for check consolidations, total or partial redemptions or substitutions;
    - (ii) Receive gaming chips from patrons in exchange for cash;
    - (iii) Receive travelers checks and other cash equivalents from patrons in exchange for currency or coin;
    - (iv) Receive documentation with signatures thereon, required to be prepared for the effective segregation of functions in the cashier's cage; and
    - (v) Receive from security department members, chips and coins removed from gaming stations in exchange for the issuance of a credit;
    - (vi) Receive from security department members, requests for fills in exchange for the issuance of a fill and the disbursal of gaming chips;
    - (vii) Receive cash from the coin and currency count rooms;
    - (viii) Prepare the overall cage reconciliation and accounting records; and
    - (ix) Perform such other functions as necessary to ensure proper accountability consistent with these standards.
  - (x) The tribal gaming operation in its discretion may utilize the necessary number of independent cashiers to ensure compliance with these standards.
- (3) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information contained on the following sheets shall be, at a minimum:
  - (a) On the cashiers count sheet, the fill bank closeout sheet, and the main bank closeout sheet, the signatures of the cashiers assigned to the incoming and outgoing shifts.
- (4) At the conclusion of gaming activity each day, at a minimum, copies of the cashier's count sheet, recapitulation, fill, main, and related documentation, shall be forwarded to the accounting department for

agreement of opening and closing inventories, and agreement of amounts thereon to other forms, records and documentation required by these standards or for the recording of transactions.

11. DROP BOXES

- (1) Each gaming station in a gaming facility shall have attached to it a metal container known as a "Drop Box", in which shall be deposited all cash, duplicate fills and credits, requests for fills and credits, and station inventory forms.
- (2) Each drop box shall have:
  - (a) One separate lock securing the contents placed into the drop box, the key to which shall be different from any other key;
  - (b) A separate lock securing the drop box to the gaming stations, the key to which shall be different from the key to the lock securing the contents of the drop box;
  - (c) An opening through which currency, coins, forms, records and documents can be inserted into the drop box;
  - (d) Permanently imprinted or impressed thereon, and clearly visible a number corresponding to a permanent number on the gaming station to which it is attached, and a marking to indicate game and shift, except that emergency drop boxes may be maintained without such number or marking, provided the word "emergency" is permanently imprinted or impressed thereon and, when put into use, are temporarily marked with the number of the gaming station and identification of the game and shift.
- (3) The key utilized to unlock the drop boxes from the gaming stations shall be maintained and controlled by the security department.
- (4) The key to the lock securing the contents of the drop boxes shall be maintained and controlled by the Tribal Gaming Agency.

12. DROP BOXES, TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM GAMING STATIONS AND STORAGE IN THE COUNT ROOM

- (1) All drop boxes removed from the gaming stations shall be transported, at a minimum, by one security department member and one employee of the tribal gaming operation directly to, and secured in, the count room.
- (2) All drop boxes, not attached to a gaming station, shall be sorted in the count room in an enclosed storage cabinet or trolley and secured in such cabinet or trolley by a separately keyed, double locking system. The key to one lock shall be maintained and controlled by the security department and the key to the second lock shall be maintained and controlled by the Tribal Gaming Agency inspector.
- (3) Drop boxes, when not in use during a shift may be stored on the gaming stations provided that there is adequate security. If adequate security is not provided during this time, the drop boxes shall be stored in the count room in an enclosed storage cabinet or trolley as required in paragraph (2).

13. PROCEDURE FOR EXCHANGE OF CHECKS SUBMITTED BY GAMING PATRONS
- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no employee of the tribal gaming operation, and no person acting on behalf of or under any arrangement with the tribal gaming operation, shall make any loan, or otherwise provide or allow to any person any credit or advance of anything of value or which represents value to enable any person to take part in gaming activity as a player; provided, that nothing in these standards shall restrict the use of any automatic device for providing cash advances on patrons' credit cards or bank cards in accordance with normal commercial practices; Provided further, that nothing in these standards shall restrict the use of patron checks when utilized in accordance with these standards.
  - (2) All personal checks sought to be exchanged in the tribal facility by a patron shall be:
    - (a) Drawn on a bank and payable on demand;
    - (b) Drawn for a specific amount;
    - (c) Made payable to the tribal gaming operation; and
    - (d) Currently dated, but not post dated.
  - (3) All checks sought to be exchanged at the cashiers' cage shall be:
    - (a) Presented directly to the cashier who shall:
      - (i) Restrictively endorse the check "for deposit only" to the tribal gaming operation's bank account;
      - (ii) Initial the check;
      - (iii) Date and time stamp the check;
      - (iv) Immediately exchange the check for currency and coin in an amount equal to the amount for which the check is drawn; and
      - (v) Forward all patron checks to the main bank cashier.
  - (4) Prior to acceptance of a travelers check from a patron, the general cashier shall verify its validity by:
    - (a) Requiring the patron to countersign the travelers check in his or her presence;
    - (b) Comparing the countersignature with the original signature on the travelers check;
    - (c) Examining the travelers check for any other signs of tampering, forgery or alteration; and
    - (d) Performing any other procedures which the issuer of the travelers check requires in order to indemnify the acceptor against loss.
  - (5) Prior to the acceptance of any tribal gaming operation check from a patron, a general cashier shall examine that patron's identification credentials to ensure the patron's identity and shall maintain documentation supporting that examination.
  - (6) A person may obtain cash at the cashier's cage to be used for gaming purposes by presenting a recognized credit card to a general cashier. Prior to the issuance of cash to a person, the general cashier shall verify through the recognized credit card company the validity of the person's credit card or shall verify through a recognized electronic funds transfer

company which, in turn, verifies through the credit card company the validity of the person's credit card and shall obtain approval for the amount of cash the person has requested. The general cashier shall then prepare such documentation as required by the tribal gaming operation to evidence such transactions and to balance the imprest fund prior to the issuance of the cash.

14. PROCEDURE FOR DEPOSITING CHECKS RECEIVED FROM GAMING PATRONS

- (1) All checks received in conformity with these standards shall be deposited in the tribal gaming operation's bank account in accordance with the tribal gaming operations normal business practice, but in no event later than seven (7) days after receipt.
- (2) In computing a time period prescribed by this section, the last day of the period shall be included unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or a state or federal holiday, in which event the time period shall run until the next business day.
- (3) Any check deposited into a bank will not be considered clear until a reasonable time has been allowed for such check to clear the bank.

15. PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTING AND RECORDING CHECKS RETURNED TO THE GAMING OPERATION AFTER DEPOSIT

- (1) All dishonored checks returned by a bank ("returned checks") after deposit shall be returned directly to, and controlled by accounting department employees.
- (2) No person other than one employed within the accounting department may engage in efforts to collect returned checks except that a collection company or an attorney-at-law representing the tribal gaming operation may bring action for such collection. Any verbal or written communication with patrons regarding collection efforts, shall be documented in the collection section.
- (3) Continuous records of all returned checks shall be maintained by accounting department employees. Such records shall include, at a minimum, the following:
  - (a) The date of the check;
  - (b) The name and address of the drawer of the check;
  - (c) The amount of the check;
  - (d) The date(s) the check was dishonored;
  - (e) The date(s) and amount(s) of any collections received on the check after being returned by a bank.
- (4) A check dishonored by a bank may be immediately redeposited if there is sufficient reason to believe the check will be honored the second time.
- (5) If a check is dishonored a second time, the name of the person who submitted the check shall be kept in a log, and available to the cashier. Such person shall be prohibited from submitting a future check until the amount owed is paid in full.

16. PROCEDURE FOR ACCEPTING CASH AT GAMING STATIONS

- (1) The cash shall be spread on the top of the gaming station by the croupier or dealer, accepting it in full view of the patron who presented it and the facility supervisor specifically assigned to such gaming station.
- (2) The amount of cash, if \$50.00 or over, shall be announced by the croupier or dealer accepting it in a tone of voice calculated to be heard by the patron who presented the cash and the facility supervisor specifically assigned to such gaming station.
- (3) Immediately after an equivalent amount of gaming chips has been given to the patron, the cash shall be taken from the top of the gaming station and placed by the croupier or dealer into the drop box attached to the gaming station.

17. ACCEPTANCE OF GRATUITIES FROM PATRONS

- (1) No tribal gaming operation employee directly concerned with management, accounting, security and surveillance shall solicit or accept any tip or gratuity from any player or patron.
- (2) The tribal gaming operation shall establish a procedure for accounting for all tips received by other gaming employees.
- (3) Upon receipt from a patron of a tip, a croupier or dealer assigned to a gaming station shall tap the table or wheel and extend his or her arm to show the pit boss that he has received a tip and immediately deposit such tip in the tip box. Tips received shall be retained by employees or pooled among employees in such manner as determined by the tribal gaming operation.

18. ADOPTION OF RULES FOR CLASS III ACTIVITIES

- (1) The tribal gaming operation shall submit for approval to the Tribal Gaming Agency rules to govern the conduct of Class III activities operated in the tribal gaming facility. Copies of game rules in effect, from time to time, shall be provided to the State Gaming Agency in accordance with Section 11 of the Compact. Summaries of the rules of each game relevant to the method of play and odds paid to winning bets shall be visibly displayed in the gaming facility and betting limits applicable to any gaming station shall be displayed at such gaming station. Game rules adopted by the Tribal Gaming Agency shall include in addition to the rules of play:
  - (a) Specifications provided by the equipment manufacturer or supplier applicable to gaming equipment:
    - (i) Physical characteristics of chips; and
    - (ii) Physical characteristics of the following:
      - (A) roulette tables;
      - (B) roulette balls;
      - (C) roulette wheels;
      - (D) cards (including procedures for receipt and storage);
      - (E) blackjack tables;
      - (F) blackjack layouts;



- (G) poker tables;
- (H) dice (including procedures for receipt and storage);
- (I) craps tables;
- (J) craps layouts;
- (K) money wheels;
- (L) money wheel layouts;
- (M) baccarat and mini-baccarat tables;
- (N) baccarat and mini-baccarat layouts;
- (O) chuck-a-luck tables;
- (P) chuck-a-luck layouts;
- (Q) red dog tables;
- (R) red dog layouts;
- (S) beat the dealer layouts;
- (T) pai-gow tables and layouts;
- (U) dealing shoes (including procedures for receipts and storage);
- (V) bill changer devices;
- (W) such other equipment as may be required for use in otherwise authorized Class III activities.

- (2) Rules for each authorized game, to include:
  - (a) Procedures of play;
  - (b) Minimum and maximum permissible wagers;
  - (c) Shuffling, cutting and dealing techniques, as applicable;
  - (d) Payout odds on each form of wager;
  - (e) Procedures to be followed on occurrence of irregularities, including definition of irregularities as applicable to each game; and
  - (f) Prohibitions on side betting between and against player and against the house.

19. STATION INVENTORIES AND PROCEDURE FOR OPENING STATIONS FOR GAMING

- (1) Whenever a gaming station is opened for gaming, operations shall commence with an amount of gaming chips and coins to be known as the "Station Inventory" and the tribal gaming operation shall not cause or permit gaming chips or coins to be added to or removed from such station inventory during the gaming day except:
  - (a) In exchange for cash;
  - (b) In payment of winning wagers and collection of losing wagers made at such gaming station;
  - (c) In exchange for gaming chips received from a patron having an equal aggregate face value; and
  - (d) In conformity with the fill and credit procedures described in these standards.
- (2) Each station inventory and the station inventory slip prepared in conformity with the procedures set forth in these standards shall be stored during non-gaming hours in a separate locked, clear container

which shall be clearly marked on the outside with the game and the gaming station number to which it corresponds. The information on the station inventory slip shall be visible from the outside of the container. All containers shall be stored either in the cashier's cage during non-gaming hours or secured to the gaming station subject to arrangements for security approved by the Tribal Gaming Agency.

- (3) The keys to the locked containers containing the station inventories shall be maintained and controlled by the gaming facility department in a secure place and shall at no time be made accessible to any cashier's cage personnel or to any person responsible for transporting such station inventories to or from the gaming stations.
- (4) Whenever gaming stations are to be opened for gaming activity, the locked container securing the station inventory and the station inventory slip shall be unlocked by the gaming facility supervisor assigned to such station.
- (5) A croupier or dealer assigned to the gaming station shall count the contents of the container in the presence of the gaming facility supervisor assigned to such station and shall agree the count to the opener removed from the container.
- (6) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information on the opener shall be placed on such opener by the croupier or dealer assigned to the station and the gaming facility supervisor that observed the croupier or dealer count the contents of the container.
- (7) Any discrepancy between the amount of gaming chips and coins counted and the amount of the gaming chips and coins recorded on the opener, shall be immediately reported to the gaming facility manager, assistant gaming facility manager, or gaming facility shift manager in charge at such time, the security department and the Tribal Gaming Agency inspector verbally. Security will complete the standard security report in writing and immediately forward a copy to the Tribal Gaming Agency.
- (8) After the count of the contents of the container and the signing of the opener, such slip shall be immediately deposited in the drop box attached to the gaming station by the croupier or dealer after the opening of such station.

20. PROCEDURE FOR DISTRIBUTING GAMING CHIPS AND COINS TO GAMING STATIONS

- (1) A request for fill ("Request") shall be prepared by a gaming facility supervisor to authorize the preparation of a fill slip ("Fill") for the distribution of gaming chips and coins to gaming stations. The request shall be prepared in a duplicate form and restricted to gaming facility supervisors.
- (2) On the original and duplicate of the request, the following information, at a minimum, shall be recorded:
  - (a) The date, time and shift of preparation;

- (b) The denomination of gaming chips or coins to be distributed to the gaming stations;
  - (c) The total amount of each denomination of gaming chips or coins to be distributed to the gaming stations;
  - (d) The game and station number to which the gaming chips or coins are to be distributed.
  - (e) The signature of the gaming facility supervisor; and
  - (f) The signature of the security department member.
- (3) After preparations of the request, the original of such request shall be transported directly to the cashier's cage.
- (4) The duplicate copy of the request shall be placed by the croupier or dealer in public view on the gaming station to which the gaming chips or coins are to be received. Such duplicate copy shall not be removed until the chips and coins are received, at which time the request and fill are deposited in the drop box.
- (5) A fill shall be prepared by a cashier whenever gaming chips or coins are distributed to the gaming stations from the cashier's cage.
- (6) Fills shall be serially pre-numbered forms, and each series of fills shall be used in sequential order, and the series of numbers of all fills received by a gaming facility shall be separately accounted. All the originals and duplicates of void fills shall be marked "VOID" and shall require the signature of the preparer.
- (7) The following procedures and requirements shall be observed with regard to fills:
- (a) Each series of fills shall be in triplicate form to be kept in a locked dispenser that will permit an individual slip in the series and its copies to be written upon simultaneously while still located in the dispenser, and that will discharge the original and duplicate while the triplicate remains in a continuous, unbroken form in the dispenser;
  - (b) Access to the triplicate copy of the form shall be maintained and controlled at all times by employees responsible for controlling and accounting for the unused supply of fills, placing fills in the dispensers, and removing from the dispensers, each day, the triplicate copies remaining therein.
- (8) On the original, duplicate and triplicate copies of the fill, the preparer shall record, at a minimum, the following information:
- (a) The denomination of the gaming chips or coins being distributed;
  - (b) The total amount of the gaming chips or coins being distributed;
  - (c) The total amount of all denominations of gaming chips or coins being distributed;
  - (d) The game and station number to which the gaming chips or coins are being distributed;
  - (e) The date and shift during which the distribution of gaming chips or coins occur; and
  - (f) The signature of the preparer.

- (9) Upon preparation, the time of preparation of the fill shall be recorded, at a minimum, on the original and the duplicate.
- (10) All gaming chips or coins distributed to the gaming stations from the cashier's cage shall be transported directly to the gaming stations from the cashier's cage by a security department member who shall agree to the request to the fill and sign the original of the request, maintained at the cashier's cage, before transporting the gaming chips or coins and the original and duplicate of the fill for signature.
- (11) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information contained on the original and duplicate of the fills shall be, at a minimum, of the following personnel at the following times:
  - (a) The cashier upon preparation;
  - (b) The security department member transporting the gaming chips or coins to the gaming station upon receipt from the cashier of gaming chips or coins to be transported;
  - (c) The croupier or dealer assigned to the gaming station upon receipt;
  - (d) The gaming facility supervisor assigned to the gaming station, upon receipt of the gaming chips or coins at such station.
- (12) Upon meeting the signature requirements as described in paragraph (11), the security department member that transported the gaming chips or coins and the original and duplicate copies of the fill to the station, shall observe the immediate placement by the croupier or dealer of the duplicate fill and duplicate request in the drop box attached to the gaming station to which the gaming chips or coins were transported and return the original fill to the fill bank where the original fill and request shall be maintained together and controlled by employees independent of the gaming facility department.
- (13) The original and duplicate "VOID" fills, the original request and the original fill, maintained and controlled in conformity with paragraph (12) shall be forwarded to:
  - (a) The count team for agreement with the duplicate copy of the fill and duplicate copy of the request removed from the drop box after which the original and duplicate copy of the request and the original and duplicate copy of the fill shall be forwarded to the accounting department for agreement, on a daily basis, with the triplicate; or
  - (b) The accounting department for agreement, on a daily basis, with the duplicate fill and duplicate copy of the request removed from the drop box and the triplicate.

21. PROCEDURE FOR REMOVING GAMING CHIPS AND COINS FROM GAMING STATIONS

- (1) A request for credit ("Request") shall be prepared by a gaming facility supervisor to authorize the preparation of a credit ("Credit") for the removal of gaming chips and coins to the cashier's cage. The request

- shall be in duplicate form and access to such form shall, prior to use, be restricted to gaming facility supervisors.
- (2) On the original and the duplicate copy of the request the following information, at a minimum, shall be recorded:
    - (a) The date, time and shift of preparation;
    - (b) The denomination of gaming chips or coins to be removed from the gaming station;
    - (c) The total amount of each denomination of gaming chips or coins to be removed from the gaming station;
    - (d) The game and station number from which the gaming chips or coins are to be removed; and
    - (e) The signature of the gaming facility supervisor and croupier or dealer assigned to the gaming station from which gaming chips or coins are to be removed.
  - (3) Immediately upon preparation of a request and transfer of gaming chips or coins to a security department member, a gaming facility supervisor shall obtain on the duplicate copy of the request, the signature of the security department member to whom the gaming chips or coins were transferred and the croupier or dealer shall place the duplicate copy in public view on the gaming station from which the gaming chips or coins were removed, and such request shall not be removed until a credit is received from the fill bank at which time the request and credit are deposited in the drop box.
  - (4) The original of the request shall be transported directly to the cashier's cage by the security department member who shall at the same time transport the gaming chips or coins removed from the gaming station.
  - (5) A credit shall be prepared by a fill bank cashier whenever gaming chips or coins are removed from the gaming stations to the cashier's cage.
  - (6) Credits shall be serially pre-numbered forms, each series of credits shall be used in sequential order, and the series number of all credits received by a gaming facility shall be separately accounted for. All original and duplicate copies of credits shall be marked "VOID" and shall require the signature of the preparer.
  - (7) The following procedures and requirements shall be observed with regard to credits:
    - (a) Each series of credits shall be a three-part form and shall be inserted in a locked dispenser that will permit an individual slip in the series and its copies to be written upon simultaneously while still locked in the dispenser, and that will discharge the original and duplicate while the triplicate remains in a continuous, unbroken form in the dispenser.
    - (b) Access to the triplicate shall be maintained and controlled at all times by employees responsible for controlling and accounting for the unused supply of credits, placing credits in the dispensers, and removing from the dispensers, each day, the triplicates remaining therein.

- (8) On the original, duplicate and triplicate copies of a credit, the preparer shall record, at a minimum, the following information:
  - (a) The denomination of the gaming chips or coins removed from the gaming station to the cashier's cage;
  - (b) The total amount of each denomination of gaming chips or coins removed from the gaming station to the cashier's cage;
  - (c) The total amount of all denominations of gaming chips or coins removed from the gaming station to the cashier's cage;
  - (d) The game and station number from which the gaming chips or coins were removed;
  - (e) The date and shift during which the removal of gaming chips or coins occurs; and
  - (f) The signature of the preparer.
- (9) Upon preparation, the time of preparation of the credit shall be recorded, at a minimum, on the original and duplicate copy.
- (10) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information contained on the original and the duplicate copy of a credit shall be, at a minimum, the following personnel at the following times:
  - (a) The fill bank cashier upon preparation;
  - (b) The security department member transporting the gaming chips or coins to the cashier's cage;
  - (c) The croupier or dealer assigned to the gaming station upon receipt at such station from the security department member; and
  - (d) The gaming facility supervisor assigned to the gaming station upon receipt at such station.
- (11) Upon meeting the signature requirements as described in paragraph (10), the security department member transporting the original and duplicate copies of the credit to the gaming station, shall observe the immediate placement by the croupier or dealer of the duplicate copies of the credit and request in the drop box attached to the gaming station from which the gaming chips or coins are removed. The security department member shall expeditiously return the original credit to the fill bank where the original of the credit and request shall be maintained together, and controlled by employees independent of the gaming facility department.
- (12) The original and duplicate copies of "VOID" credits and the original request and credit, maintained and controlled in conformity with paragraph (11) shall be forwarded to:
  - (a) The count team for agreement with the duplicate credit and the duplicate request removed from the drop box, after which the request and the original and duplicate credit shall be forwarded to the accounting department for agreement, on a daily basis, with the triplicate; or
  - (b) The accounting department for agreement, on a daily basis, with the duplicate copies of the credit and request removed from the drop box and the triplicate.

22. PROCEDURE FOR SHIFT CHANGES AT GAMING STATIONS

- (1) Whenever gaming stations are to remain open for gaming activity at the conclusion of a shift, the gaming chips and coins remaining at the gaming stations at the time of the shift change shall be counted by either the croupier or dealer assigned to the outgoing shift, and the croupier or dealer assigned to the incoming shift, or the croupier or dealer assigned to the gaming station at the time of a drop box shift change which does not necessarily coincide with an employee shift change. The count shall be observed by the gaming facility supervisor assigned to the gaming station at the time of a drop box shift change.
- (2) The gaming chips and coins counted shall be recorded on the station inventory slip by the gaming facility supervisor assigned to the gaming station of the outgoing shift or the gaming facility supervisor assigned to the gaming station at the time of the drop box shift change.
- (3) Station inventory slips shall be three-part serially pre-numbered forms and on the original of the slip ("Closer"), the duplicate of the slip ("Opener"), and on the triplicate, which is maintained and controlled by security, the gaming facility supervisor shall record the following:
  - (a) The date and identification of the shift ended;
  - (b) The game and station number;
  - (c) The total value of each denomination of gaming chips and coins remaining at the station.
- (4) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information recorded on the station inventory slips shall be of either the croupier or dealer and the gaming facility supervisor assigned to the incoming and outgoing shifts or the croupier or dealer and the gaming facility supervisor assigned to the gaming station at the time of a drop box shift change.
- (5) Upon meeting the signature requirements as described in paragraph (4), the closer shall be deposited in the drop box that is attached to the gaming station immediately prior to the change of shift at which time the drop boxes shall then be removed and the opener shall be deposited in the replacement drop box that is to be attached to the gaming stations immediately following the change of shift. The triplicate shall be forwarded to the accounting department by a security department member.

23. PROCEDURE FOR CLOSING GAMING STATIONS

- (1) Whenever the daily gaming activity at each gaming station is concluded, the gaming chips and coins on the gaming station shall be counted by the croupier or dealer assigned to the gaming station and observed by a gaming facility supervisor assigned to the gaming station, and the station float shall be brought back to the imprest value.
- (2) The gaming chips and coins counted shall be recorded on a station inventory slip by the gaming facility supervisor assigned to the gaming station.

- (3) Station inventory slips shall be three-part serially pre-numbered forms and on the original of the slip ("Closer"), the duplicate of the slip ("Opener"), and on the triplicate, which is maintained and controlled by security, the gaming facility supervisor shall record the following:
  - (a) The date and identification of the shift ended;
  - (b) The game and station number;
  - (c) The total value of each denomination of gaming chips and coins remaining at the stations; and
  - (d) The total value of all denominations of gaming chips and coins remaining at the gaming stations.
- (4) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information recorded on the station inventory slips at the time of closing the gaming stations shall be of the croupier or dealer and the gaming facility supervisor assigned to the gaming station who observed the croupier or count the contents of the station inventory.
- (5) Upon meeting the signature requirements specified in paragraph (4), the closer shall be deposited in a drop box attached to the gaming station immediately prior to the closing of the station.
- (6) The triplicate copy of the station inventory slip shall be forwarded to the accounting department by a security department member.
- (7) Upon meeting the signature requirements specified in paragraph (4), the opener and the gaming chips remaining at the station shall be placed in the clear container provided for that purpose as specified in these standards after which the container shall be locked.
- (8) At the end of each gaming day, if the locked containers are transported to the cashier's cage, a cage cashier shall determine that all locked containers have been returned or, if the locked containers are secured to the gaming station, a gaming facility supervisor shall account for all the locked containers.

**24. COUNT ROOM: CHARACTERISTICS**

- (1) As part of the gaming operation, there shall be a room specifically designated for counting the contents of drop boxes which shall be known as the count room.
- (2) The count room shall be designed and constructed to provide maximum security for the materials housed therein and for the activities conducted therein, to include at a minimum, the following:
  - (a) A door equipped with two separate locks securing the interior of the count room, the keys to which shall be different from each other and from the keys to the locks securing the contents of the drop boxes, and one key shall be maintained and controlled by the security department in a secure area within the security department, access to which may be gained only by a nominated security department member, and the other key maintained and controlled by the gaming facility department;
  - (b) The security department shall establish a sign out procedure for all keys removed from the security department; and



- (c) An alarm device connected to the entrance of the count room in such a manner as to cause a signalling to the monitors of the closed circuit television system in the gaming facility's surveillance monitor room whenever the door to the count room is opened.
- (3) Located within the count room shall be:
  - (a) A table constructed of clear glass or similar material for the emptying, counting and recording of the contents of the drop boxes which shall be known as the "Count Table";
  - (b) Closed circuit television cameras and microphones wired to monitoring rooms capable of, but not limited to the following:
    - (i) Effective and detailed audio-video monitoring of the entire count process;
    - (ii) Effective, detailed video-monitoring of the count room, including storage cabinets or trolleys used to store drop boxes; and
    - (iii) Audio-video taping of the entire count process and any other activities in the count room.

**25. PROCEDURE FOR COUNTING AND RECORDING CONTENTS OF DROP BOXES**

- (1) The contents of drop boxes shall be counted and recorded in the count room in conformity with this standard.
- (2) The tribal gaming operation shall notify the Tribal Gaming Agency through an inspector whenever the contents of drop boxes removed from gaming stations are to be counted and recorded, which, at a minimum, shall be once each gaming day.
- (3) The opening, counting and recording of the contents of drop boxes shall be performed in the presence of an inspector and by those employees assigned by the tribal gaming operation for the conduct of the count ("Count Team") who have no incompatible functions. To gain entrance to the count room, the inspector may be required to present an official identification card containing his or her photograph issued by the Tribal Gaming Agency.
- (4) Immediately prior to the opening of the drop boxes, the doors to the count room shall be securely locked and except as otherwise authorized by this standard, no person shall be permitted to enter or leave the count room, except during a normal work break or in an emergency, until the entire counting, recording and verification process is completed.
- (5) Immediately prior to the commencement of the count, one count team member shall notify the person assigned to the closed circuit television monitoring station in the establishment that the count is about to begin, after which such a person shall make an audio-video recording, with the time and date inserted thereon, of the entire counting process which shall be retained by the security department for at least seven days from the date of recording unless otherwise directed by the Tribal Gaming Agency or State Gaming Agency.

- (6) Procedures and requirements for conducting the count shall be the following:
- (a) As each drop box is placed on the count table, one count team member shall announce, in a tone of voice to be heard by all persons present and to be recorded by the audio recording device, the game, station number, and shift marked thereon;
  - (b) The contents of each drop box shall be emptied and counted separately on the count table, which procedures shall be at all times conducted in full view of the closed circuit television cameras located in the count room;
  - (c) Immediately after the contents of a drop box are emptied onto the count table, the inside of the drop box shall be held up to the full view of a closed circuit television camera, and shall be shown to at least one other count team member and the Tribal Gaming Agency inspector to confirm that all contents of the drop box have been removed, after which the drop box shall be locked and placed in the storage area for drop boxes;
  - (d) The contents of each drop box shall be segregated by a count team member into separate stacks on the count table by denominations of coin and currency and by type of form, record or document;
  - (e) Each denomination of coin and currency shall be counted separately by at least two count team members who shall place individual bills and coins of the same denomination on the count table in full view of the closed circuit television cameras, and such count shall be observed and the accuracy confirmed orally or in writing, by at least one other count team member;
  - (f) As the contents of each drop box is counted, one count team member shall record or verify on a master game report, by game, station number, and shift, the following information:
    - (i) The total amount of currency and coin counted;
    - (ii) The amount of the opener;
    - (iii) The amount of the closer;
    - (iv) The serial number and amount of each fill;
    - (v) The total amount of all fills;
    - (vi) The serial number and amount of each credit;
    - (vii) The total amount of all credits; and
    - (viii) The win or loss.
  - (g) After the contents of each drop box have been counted and recorded, one member of the count team shall record by game and shift, on the master game report, the total amounts of currency and coin, station inventory slips, fills and credits counted, and win or loss, together with such additional information as may be required on the master game report by the tribal gaming operation;
  - (h) Notwithstanding the requirements of sub-paragraphs (f) and (g), if the tribal gaming operation's system of accounting and internal controls provides for the recording on the master game report of

- fills, credits, and station inventory slips by cage cashiers prior to the commencement of the count, a count team member shall compare for agreement the serial numbers and totals of the amounts recorded thereon to the fills, credits, and station inventory slips removed from the drop boxes;
- (i) Notwithstanding the requirements of sub-paragraphs (f) and (g), if the tribal gaming operation's system of accounting and internal controls provides for the count team functions to be comprised only of counting and recording currency, coin, and credits; accounting department employees shall perform all other counting, recording and comparing duties herein;
  - (j) After completion and verification of the master game report, each count team member shall sign the report attesting to the accuracy of the information recorded thereon;
  - (k) At no time after the inspector has signed the master game report shall any change be made to it without prior written approval of the Tribal Gaming Agency.
- (7) Procedures and requirements at the conclusion of the count for each gaming shift shall be the following:
- (a) All cash removed from each drop box after the initial count shall be presented in the count room by a count team member to a cashier who, prior to having access to the information recorded on the master game report and in the presence of the count team and the inspector, shall re-count, either manually or mechanically, the cash received, after which the inspector shall sign the report evidencing his or her presence during the count and the fact that both the cashier and count team have agreed on the total amount of cash counted;
  - (b) The top copy of the master game report, after signing, and the requests for fills, the fills, the requests for credits, the credits, and the station inventory slips removed from drop boxes shall be transported directly to the accounting department and shall not be available to any cashier's cage personnel;
  - (c) A duplicate of the master game report , but no other document referred to in this standard whatsoever, shall be retained by the inspector.
  - (d) If the tribal gaming operation's system of accounting and internal controls does not provide for the forwarding from the cashier's cage of the duplicate of the fills, credits, request for credits, request for fills, such documents recorded or to be recorded on the master game report shall be transported from the count room directly to the accounting department.
- (8) The originals and copies of the master game report, request for fills, fills, request for credits, credits and station inventory slips shall on a daily basis, in the accounting department be:

- (a) Compared for agreement with each other, on a test basis, by persons with no recording responsibilities and, if applicable, to triplicates or stored data;
- (b) Reviewed for the appropriate number and propriety of signatures on a test basis;
- (c) Accounted for by series numbers, if applicable;
- (d) Tested for proper calculation, summarization, and recording;
- (e) Subsequently recorded; and
- (f) Maintained and controlled by the accounting department.

26. SIGNATURES

- (1) Signatures shall:
  - (a) Be, at a minimum, the signer's first initial and last name;
  - (b) Be immediately adjacent to, or above the clearly printed or pre-printed title of the signer and his or her certificate or permit number; and
  - (c) Signify that the signer has prepared forms, records, and documents, and/or authorized to a sufficient extent to attest to the accuracy of the information recorded thereon, in conformity with these standards and the tribal gaming operation's system of accounting and internal control.
- (2) Signature records shall be prepared for each person required by these standards to sign or initial forms, records and documents, and shall include specimens of signatures and initials of signers. Such signature records shall be maintained on a dated signature card file, alphabetically by name, within a department. The signature records shall be adjusted on a timely basis to reflect changes of personnel.
- (3) Signature records shall be securely stored in the accounting department.